THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Recommendations are received regularly from MPs for allotment of RO, SKO-LDO dealership and LPG distributorships to various persons. However, allotments from discretionary quota are made only in deserving cases on compassionate grounds.

(b) The number of dealerships/distributorship allotted on compassionate grounds under the discretionary powers of the Government during 1992-93 and 1993-94 is as given below :

1992-93	113
1993-94	118

Transport of Gas from Bombay to Southern Grid

1187. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finally decided to transport gas from Bombay High to Southern Grid;

(b) the extent of surplus Bombay High gas available to be transported to the Southern Grid;

(c) whether gas from other sources in the Western Region is also to be transported to Southern Grid; and

(d) whether the Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat have been impressing on Central Govt. the economy of utilising the gas locally and to avoid transport cost, if so, what schemes, have been submitted by them for local use of the gas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (c) The concept of laying a gas pipeline from the Western Offshore to the Southern region has been approved in principle. The proposal envisages the use of surplus gas from the Western Offshore supplemented by gas imported from the Middle-East.

(d) The Government of Maharashtra have proposed a new gas terminal at Usar.

Loan for Hydrocarbon sector from ADB

1188. SHRI AHMED MOHMED BHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether second tranche of the two hundred fifty million dollar hydrocarbon sector loan from the ADB has been delayed further due to the Government's failure to meet a major conditionality;

(b) if so, what are the conditions that have not been fully met by the ONGC;

(c) if so, whether ONGC has intimated that dilution of its equity can not be completed before December, 1994;

(d) if so, whether they have also submitted that only 10 per cent equity can be diluted upto June 1994;

(e) if so, to what extent it will distrub the hydro carbon sector programme;

(f) how much loan has so far been granted and utilised from 1991 onwards;

(g) what amount is still pending from ADB; and

(h) what steps the Central Govt. propose to take to obtain the ADB loan for ONGC ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The drawal of second tranche of $ US 125 million has been deferred pending completion of action relating to conversion of ONGC into a public limited company and the dilution of its expanded equity to the extent of 20%.

(c) and (d) The modalities for dilution of equity would be based on statutory provisions and keeping the commercial interest of ONGC in mind.

(e) The hydrocarbon sector programme will not be affected.

(f) to (h) The loan is to the Government of India and not to the ONGC. So far, an amount of US $ 125 million has been drawn and an amount of US $125 millions yet to be drawn.

Import Bill for Natural Gas

1189. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJARAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the import bill of oil and natural gas in the year 1992-93; and

(b) whether Government have taken any policy decision to build larger storage capacity to take advantage of the fall in the prices whenever these occur ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) The import bill for crude oil and petroleum produts for the year 1992-93 was approximately Rs. 17,046.00 crores. No import of natural gas was made during the year.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

प्राइवेट कंपनियों द्वारा रसोई गैस का विपणन

1190. श्री मूल चन्द मीणा : क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार ने कौन–कौन सी कंपनियों को रसोई गैस आयात करने की अनुमति दी है और इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) कौन–कौन सी कम्पनियों ने रसोई गैस का वितरण कार्य आरंभ कर दिया है और इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि विभिन्न कम्पनियों ने अपने क्षेत्रीय डीलरों अथवा वितरकों की नियुक्ति करके लोगों से करोड़ों रुपया एकत्र किया है ; और

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि कई फर्जी कम्पनियां धन एकत्र करने में लगी हैं; यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ऐसी कम्पनियों पर पाबंदी लगाने का विचार रखती है ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) सामानान्तर विपणन प्रणाली के तहत निजी पक्षकारों को रसोई गैस आयात करने तथा इसका विपणन करने हेतु अनुमति दी गई है, जिसके लिए पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय द्वारा इजाजत दी जाने की कोई पद्धति नहीं है ।

(ख) अभी तक मैसर्स एस्सार वर्ल्ड ट्रेड लि० ने 3400 मी. टन रसोई गैस आयात की है तथा उसे थोक उपभोक्ताओं को बेच दिया है ।

(ग) और (घ) इस प्रकृति की रिपोर्ट सरकार की जानकारी में आयी है । एक प्रेस नोट के माध्यम से आम जनता को परामर्श दिया गया है कि वह सामानान्तर विपणन प्रणाली में प्रवेश करने तथा डीलरशिप एवं डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप देने के संबंध में विज्ञापन देने वाले पक्षकारों के साथ किसी लेने देन अथवा कार्य व्यापार को करने से पूर्व ऐसे पक्षकारों के ब्यौरों, उनकी प्रामाणिकता तथा सामर्थ्य के विषय में जानकारी प्राप्त कर लें । राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र की सरकारों से अनुरोध किया गया कि ऐसे अनुचित व्यवसायों में संलिप्त हो रहे ऐसे पक्षकारों की तलाश करने और उनके विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करने के लिए अनुरोध किया गया एक सूची एकाधिकार तथा अवरोधक व्यापारिक व्यवहार आयोग को उनके द्वारा कार्यवाही हेतु भेजी गई है । एकाधिकार तथा अवरोधक व्यापारिक व्यवहार आयोग सूचना/शिकायत प्राप्त होने पर अनुचित व्यवसायों में लिप्त होने वाले लोगों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करता है ।

Laying of new railway lines

1191. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the length of kilometers of the new railway lines laid during the last three years in different zones of the railways;

(b) the number of narrow gauge lines converted into broad gauge lines during the last three years; zonewise, and

(c) the length in Kilometers of the New Railway Lines targetted to be laid during the year 1993-94 and 1994-95 and alongwith the target of Narrow Gauge Lines likely to be converted into Broad Gauge lines ?